(e) whether there has been a good response from the private sector; and

(f) by when final decision would be taken for private investment in new railway lines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This is possible in the Advance Contribution Model where the party contributes 100% of the project cost.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No firm proposal has been received so far.

(f) Does not arise.

Passenger halt at Nalco Nagar

†94. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that there has been a year long demand for setting up a passenger halt at Nalco Nagar under the East-Coast Railway of Angul district in Orissa;

(b) if so, his Ministry's approach in this regard and whether there is any proposal for setting up a passenger halt at that place in near future;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a public undertaking, National Aluminium Company (NALCO) itself had proposed to carry out the work of setting up platform; and

(d) if so, by when the same would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) National Aluminium Company's commitment to bear cost of construction has been received recently by East Coast Railway. The opening of halt will be considered if found financially viable after examination.

Assistance to beggars engaged in disposal of passengers died in accidents

95. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that beggar families living near railway tracks in Ghaziabad are engaged in disposal of persons/ passengers who die in accidents on railway tracks from the money earned from begging on Saturdays; and

(b) whether Government proposes to assist them financially and grant recognition to their deeds of social service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.